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The Daily Gamecock



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Gamecocks steal win from Lady Volunteers

Brennan Doherty
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Colonial Life Arena hosted South Carolina and Tennessee as two Top-10 teams competed for a conference win.

When Dawn Staley came to Columbia, South Carolina to take over a dilapidated Gamecock women’s basketball program in 2008, nights like Monday night didn’t seem imaginable for a program that hadn’t made the NCAA tournament since 2003 prior to her arrival. A night when the Gamecocks would host another Top-10 opponent. A night when Colonial Life Arena was jam-packed and festive. A night when South Carolina would prove its place in the women’s basketball landscape against one of the sport’s best teams historically.

That type of night is now a reality. Staley’s mission at South Carolina (26-1, 14-0 SEC) is nowhere near complete, but the Gamecocks’ 71-66 win over No. 6 Tennessee (23-4, 13-1 SEC) leaves them atop the SEC regular season standings with just two games remaining, further evidence of the revitalization and makeover that’s taking place under their seventh-year head coach.

What Staley didn’t imagine was her team almost blowing an 11-point second half lead and having to hold on for dear life against Tennessee, but that’s what South Carolina did.

Down by 10 points with just over five minutes remaining, the Lady Vols launched an incredible comeback attempt, but Tennessee lost its final chance when senior forward Cierra Burdick committed a turnover with eight seconds remaining with her team down by three points.

South Carolina junior guard/forward Asia Dozier then clinched the win with a pair of free throws.



Jeffrey Davis/ THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Gamecocks beat Tennessee for the first time in Columbia, South Carolina since 1980.

“I was relieved,” Staley said. “Obviously Tennessee was a team that was going to come in here and fight and they were tremendous ... I thought overall, if this game wasn’t played in Colonial Life Arena,

we wouldn’t be sitting here as the victors.”

The battle for first place in the SEC was just what anyone would have

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Horseshoe wall

Lauren Shirley
@SURELYLAUREN

In 1808 the university mandated a need to build a wall surrounding South Carolina College, surrounding what we know today as the historic Horseshoe. Now, over 200 years later, that wall is coming back.

The wall that was built surrounding the historic Horseshoe is being renovated and will make its reappearance and the current wall will be torn down to make way for this reconstruction.

Currently the work that will be done will include the “removal and replacement of all mortar on the exterior and interior faces of the wall, replacement of damaged brick and remove and replacement of damaged portions of the wall,” according to the first addendum filed with the university.

Although the original idea of the wall was presented to the trustees of USC in 1808, it was not until 1835 that construction of the wall actually began. It culminated in 1836, only one year after construction began.

The wall was originally about 6 feet 9 inches tall, according to a research survey that was conducted

by USC Students in 2011, and it surrounded the South Carolina College campus with a single opening on Sumter Street.

After sustaining damage during the Civil War, however, the wall endured many changes and continued to change until the year 1977 when it became the wall surrounding the Horseshoe that the current students of USC know today.

The planning for the renovation can be traced back to 2011 when a group of students began surveying the wall and collecting information about each wall segment.

On Nov. 17, 2014, USC requested the funds in order to start the restoration and on Dec. 4, 2014, the funds were approved and a contract was drawn up with Rabon Enterprises to begin the restoration.

According to the second addendum filed by the university, the construction will occur during normal work hours and will encompass some weekend hours, pending any special events such as graduation.

The restoration of the historic wall on USC’s campus will cost \$420,000, according to the notice of intent to award.

Student Pulse

Upperclassmen can remember a time when the Greene Street gates were open to through traffic, but for other USC students, the Greene Street gates have been closed for the entirety of their college career. With the recent debate surrounding the gates in student senate, The Daily Gamecock took to the streets to find out what some of our students think about the controversial topic.

Do you think the Greene Street gates should be open or closed? Why?



“Honestly there’s really no point in keeping them open because there’s no through traffic really going through anyway. So why keep it open if there’s no point to it?”

— Brandon Parker, third-year social work student



“Open! Well one, if you want to get to Russell House to grab something to eat real fast and if you have a buddy that can just wait in the car, you can get in the car and have someone drop you off. Plus, it’s really annoying. I go to like the business building a lot, so I could go straight through here. Right now I have to go all the way around Blossom, so it’s annoying.”

— Brett Battistini, fourth-year media arts student



“I like it closed, but I can understand opening it certain times for drivers. It feels more of like a community, a little bit in a way with it closed. It’s safety a little bit, too. More like a campus feel, I guess, with the gates.”

— Michelle Casey, first-year computer information sciences student



“Open, because it used to be like that. It used to be similar. I just don’t understand the whole thing. I just wish they were open the whole time. I think they’re worried that people are going to get hit, but that’s never happened, has it? Not in the middle of the day. I live on Greene Street, so I like having them open.”

— Morgan FitzGerald, fourth-year marketing and management student

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IN BRIEF

Missing woman's body found in woods near car crash site

A woman's body was found in the woods near where her car crashed days after she was reported missing, according to WIS-TV. Stephanie Callahan was found dead Sunday morning in Loris, South Carolina.

According to the South Carolina Highway Patrol, troopers responded to a crash last Thursday. They searched the area but didn't find anyone near the site. The trooper on scene went to the address where the car was registered but was unable to contact anyone there. The car was then towed and all other leads were exhausted, according to the Highway Patrol.

The body was finally found on Sunday, a quarter mile inside the woods in a tree stand. Callahan's family was enraged that they did not know about the crash, as the car was towed away without their knowledge. Officials from the Horry County Police Department will be assisting the SCHP in the case.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

North Carolina woman wins Powerball

Marie Holmes from Raleigh, North Carolina has claimed the Powerball Jackpot of \$188 million. Holmes' ticket is one of three winning tickets for the Feb. 11 Powerball Jackpot that totals \$564 million.

Holmes purchased the ticket and opted to receive the lump sum payout, worth approximately \$127 million after taxes. She was unable to watch the initial drawing for the winning numbers and discovered that she was the winner after her friend posted the numbers online the next day.

She plans on using the money to give back to the community, the church and specifically the cerebral palsy organizations. She also plans on traveling and setting up college funds for her children. Ultimately, Holmes believes winning the jackpot won't change who she is as a person and she will continue to study to become a nurse.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

Teacher charged with possession

A Charleston County school teacher was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute after seven pounds of marijuana were found in her home, according to WLTX. Faith Jones-Paulus surrendered to police early Monday morning.

Jones-Paulus is a teacher at Haut Gaup Middle School and the report detailed that her home was located within a half mile of the school. Currently, she is on paid administrative leave from the district.

The police were searching Jones-Paulus' house after her husband was arrested on a gun charge and discovered the marijuana.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

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Bulgarian ambassador visits USC, talks politics

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States of America visited USC Monday night to talk to students. Elena B. Poptodorova visited the USC campus with South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson to discuss relevant Bulgarian political topics.

Wilson developed an interest when in Bulgaria when he was appointed to a delegation that went to Sofia, Bulgaria. He later met Poptodorova at the White House when Bulgaria was accepted as a member of NATO.

Poptodorova's political career began as a member of the Bulgarian parliament. Later she became an ambassador and she spoke about her goal to change what Americans knew about Bulgaria from communist times.

"The big challenge for me at the time was to fight a reputation," Poptodorova said. "That's the

hardest battle one can have, to change the image of your own country."

She identified Bulgaria's admittance into NATO as the biggest factor in changing Bulgaria's reputation. She said that Bulgaria's historical reputation of being a loyal, Soviet satellite nation has been replaced with one of a devoted ally to the U.S. in the eyes of the world as a result of that membership.

Poptodorova also spoke about the challenges of being a female leader and methods for success. She said that men have led for centuries but that is changing along with the rest of the world.

"I happened to be in the most male fields, politics and foreign policy. It's not easy because it's considered to be kind of reserved territory for men. For a woman it's always harder to do it," she said. "You have to train twice or three times as much, you have to be at least twice as good as your male colleagues."

Later, Poptodorova identified terrorism as

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the most important judgment a president can make and said Bush's instinct about terrorism was correct. She related to Obama by saying all leaders want to be known for peace, and then identified new and changing threats as factors in changing opinions about conflict in the Middle East.

"I think President Bush had the passion, had the drive to step forward. President Obama is more reflective, more pensive, which at times may mean slowing down certain decisions," Poptodorova said. "We need America's leadership. Not just Bulgaria, the world needs it. No need to pretend otherwise."

Poptodorova talked at length about the situation between Russia and Crimea. She said the situation

is closer and more dangerous to them, making them a "frontline state" because they share a border with Ukraine and the Black Sea with Crimea.

As part of the response to Russia, Poptodorova mentioned a NATO decision to establish a command center in Bulgaria and other eastern European countries. The plan is intended to serve as a response to aggressive Russian actions in the past year.

"History is history and geography is geography," Poptodorova said. "We don't want to be enemies and we are not enemies with Russia."

Poptodorova wants a complete and honest teaching of history so Bulgarians can know all that has happened in history, not just the information the Soviet Union allowed to spread.



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The Bulgarian ambassador addressed students in Russell House Monday night.

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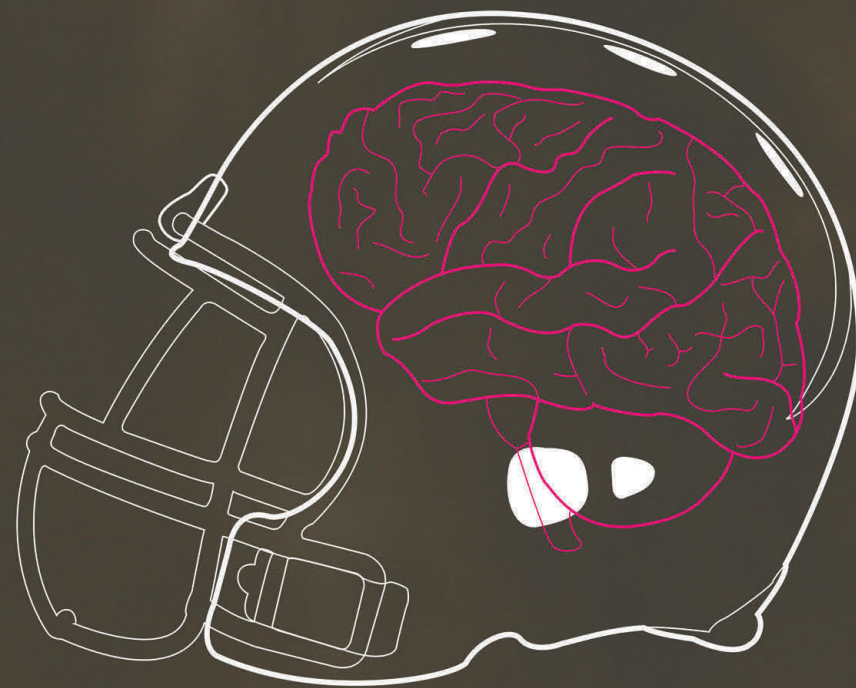


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Student comedians show off magic, one-liner skills

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Hosted by MTV’s very own Matthew Broussard, USC’s annual Student Comedy Competition took place in the Russell House theater Monday night hosting by Carolina Productions. Featuring eight student contestants competing for the votes of audience members, this year’s show was full of raunchy humor, wit and showmanship.

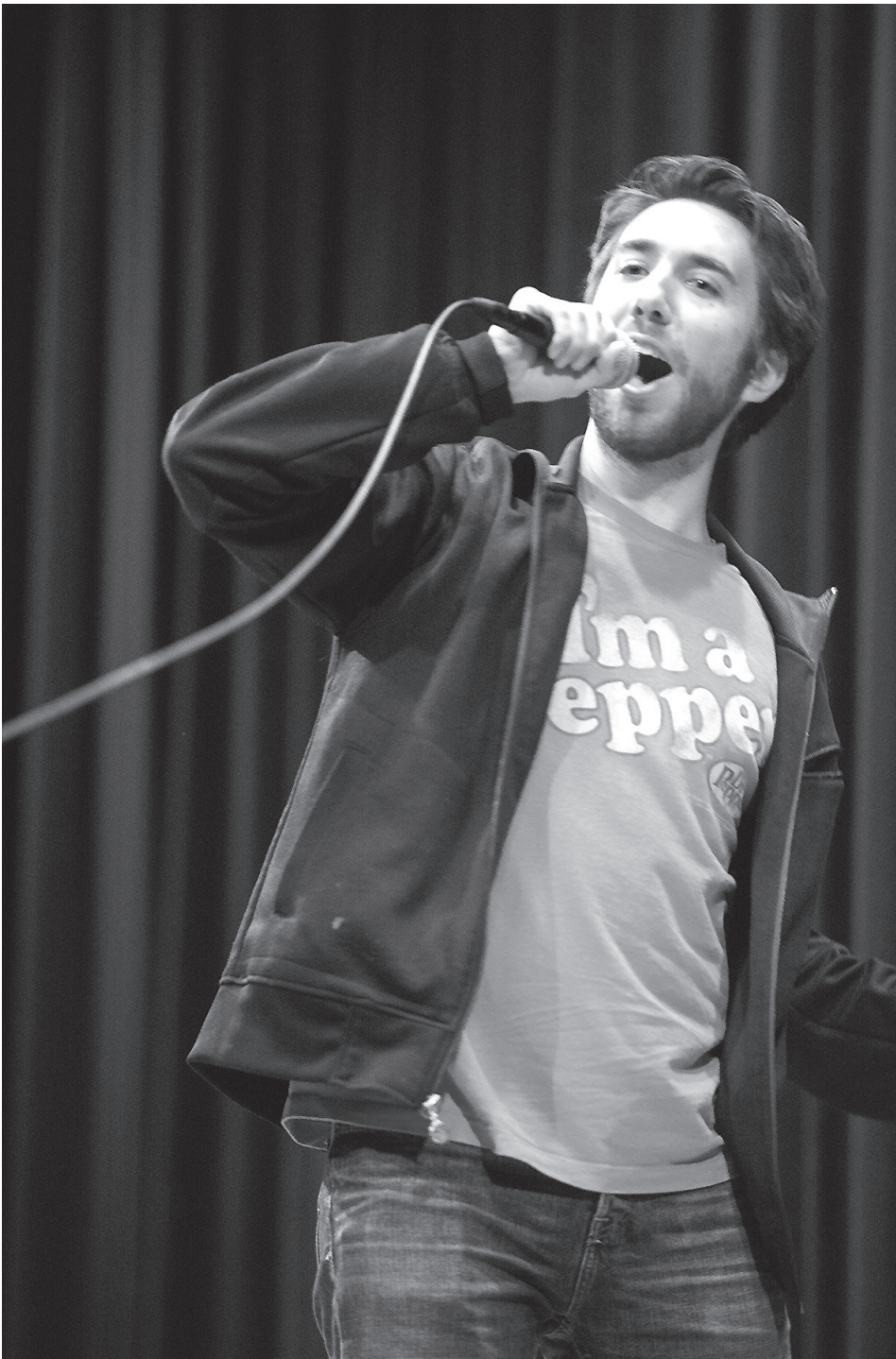
First place went to Joey Massaro, second to Philip Carter and third to Kat LeeHong. All eight performers showed a passion for comedy and a willingness to go anywhere, joking about everything from Tinder to incest.

“College kids are smart, have a lot of enthusiasm, but they’re also sensitive and way too uptight about everything, which makes for a good show. You win some and you lose some,” Broussard said.

Using his college experience in Houston as a pedestal for some of his skits and performances, Broussard acknowledged that the college atmosphere is perfect for an aspiring comedian, though the start can be difficult.

“They need to write more, perform more and always retain originality,” Broussard said. “I’m excited to see these kids do well ... and some maybe not so well.”

Vic Whitten, fourth-year T.O.A.S.T.



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The competing students weren’t afraid to be raunchy, joking about touchy subjects.

member and guest judge expressed an excitement in seeing fellow students simply laughing and having a great time.

“Laughing is what I’m excited about. But the judging is going to be rough,” said Whitten. “I’m going to

be judging contestant’s on their apparent wit and honestly what is least offensive.”

The show began with a short stand-up bit from Broussard, which included some audience interaction, awkward flirting and heavy laughter. Contestants

then performed one by one; each skit wildly different from the other.

Hayden Childress, a second-year student, started off the show with a somewhat

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‘Fresh’ a smart, fearless comedy show



Courtesy of ABC

Television shows about immigrant families are few and far between, which gives “Fresh” a unique perspective.

Kasey Meredith
@K_SEEEE

“Fresh Off the Boat”

Airs: Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Starring: Randall Park, Constance Wu
Channel: ABC

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“Fresh Off the Boat” is most

certainly “fresh” in terms of television shows.

Based off Eddie Huang’s memoir of the same name, “Fresh Off the Boat” isn’t afraid of anything. Provocative and progressive, this show spices up the censored, careful humor that most television shows employ these days.

The show mainly is mainly from the perspective of a young, second-generation Taiwanese boy whose family has moved from the melting pot of D.C. to the

white-washed Orlando, Florida. Not only does the show depict the rare perspective of an Asian-American family, but it is also set during the ‘90s. After all, the ‘90s is the decade all the young folks lust for — remember the ‘90s?

It’s not just about the concept — “Fresh Off the Boat” has a sucker-punch of a cast. Constance Wu plays Huang’s mother, Jessica. Jessica is over the top, but not the

SEEFRESHPAGE5

‘Justified’ moving to rare great TV ending



Courtesy of FX

Based on the crime fiction of Elmore Leonard, “Justified” has a dark, morbid sense of humor.

Belvin Olasov
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“Justified” has long been the underrated drama of television’s Golden Age. It mixes drama and humor as expertly as “Breaking Bad” or “Mad Men” and spins season-long arcs with the best of them, but, coming into its sixth and final season, the show is still under the radar. It’s a shame, because it’s doing something that most TV dramas don’t: ending the right way.

The FX series follows U.S. marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant), a modern-day cowboy with barely concealed anger issues, as he’s assigned to his backwoods hometown of Harlan, Kentucky. It’s based on the crime fiction of Elmore Leonard, meaning it’s full of wickedly funny stories about how criminals are, essentially, idiots.

There are exceptions to that rule, however. Boyd Crowder (Walton Goggins), a criminal mastermind with big dreams and an inconsistent conscience, is the show’s other protagonist and his rivalry with Raylan is one of the show’s biggest joys. Season 6 promised a final showdown between the two, but it’s delivering so much more.

The writers seem to have stepped back, looked at the show’s greatest strengths and doubled down on them. “Justified” has always done well when it plays on the history of Harlan County and its characters, so the sixth season has brought in marijuana kingpin Avery Markham (Sam Elliot) as the big bad. He’s a truly intimidating villain with deep roots in the region, but with enough distance to underestimate the people of Harlan, making him an archetypal “Justified” villain to end all “Justified” villains.

“Justified” has built up a great cast of secondary characters over the years, and Season 6 manages to bring them back without falling prey to fan-service. Both comic relief characters like Constable Bob and major players like Ellstin Limehouse are organically slotted into the plot without overwhelming it.

It all conspires to threaten an overstuffed season — how can 13 episodes bring back old favorites, introduce a crew of new antagonists, bring series-long plots to their natural conclusion and still give a satisfying payoff to Raylan and Boyd’s conflict?

The answer comes with Ava Crowder (Joelle Carter), the show’s female lead and Boyd’s fiancé. Ava hasn’t always been well-used by the show in the past, but her central role in Season 6 grounds it. Her conflict between law and crime, or Raylan and Boyd, makes the season’s central themes of escaping the sins of the past and self-identity clear.

It’s not easy to bring a television show to a graceful conclusion — there are so many plotlines and characters to consider over seasons of television that most shows sputter it all out or play it safe. “Justified,” by remembering its strengths and sticking to its guns, is crafting a great final season.



Courtesy of Henry Mandell

Henry Mandell created the mural “Tatara Fire” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the burning of Columbia. He will be discussing the piece and its connection to the event on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

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overbearing and callous “tiger mom” stereotype that most Asian-American moms are painted to be.

Whether its trying to fit in with the rollerblading moms on the block or belting out Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You” at the Daytona 500-themed block party, Wu’s character is fierce, but more importantly, relatable.

Jessica isn’t the only interesting member of the family. Randall Park plays the patriarch, Louis Huang. Louis starts up an “authentic” western restaurant, which, to his dismay, is an unintentional replica of a Golden Corral.

Let’s not forget our narrator and central character, Eddie (Hudson Yang), the oldest son of the Huang family who loves and thoroughly embraces hip-hop culture.

While “Fresh Off the Boat” is light and easy going, it shows the difficulties of assimilating into a new place, culture or both. Importantly, this sitcom isn’t rooted in stereotypes of Asian-American lifestyles.

Which is a good thing because it’s been over a decade since we’ve seen this family dynamic in a sitcom, in “All American Girl.”

“Fresh Off the Boat” is a nice break from the usual sitcoms that we’ve seen recently, and should be relatable to virtually anyone. This semi-autobiographical show vibes with shows like “Modern Family,” “Black-ish” and “Parks and Rec,” but it’s definitely unique. And let’s not forget the hot theme song crafted by hip-hop legend Danny Brown.

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awkward demeanor which surprisingly turned into a magic act. To the chagrin of the other participants, his magic tricks proved to be highly entertaining.

“If I lose to a f---ing magician, I’m going to be pissed,” Carter said.

Family-friendly comedian, Malik Thompson, based his script on racial tensions and stories from his childhood. With his family eagerly laughing along in the audience, his performance was less raunchy than others and more based in family.

LeeHong was the only female competitor, and she didn’t hold back. Her set got dark as she joked about sexual roleplay and incest,

hilariously and accidentally at the same time.

“I tried roleplaying with my brother one time,” she said to shocked laughter.

Broussard showed his “Mondaypunday” comic as the judges put together their results, letting the audiences try to solve them for a T-shirt.

Some of the comedians at the event were just doing it as a hobby, but some said they wanted to make a career out of it. Regardless of their future career, they all worked hard on stage, making for a fun, intimate evening of comedy.

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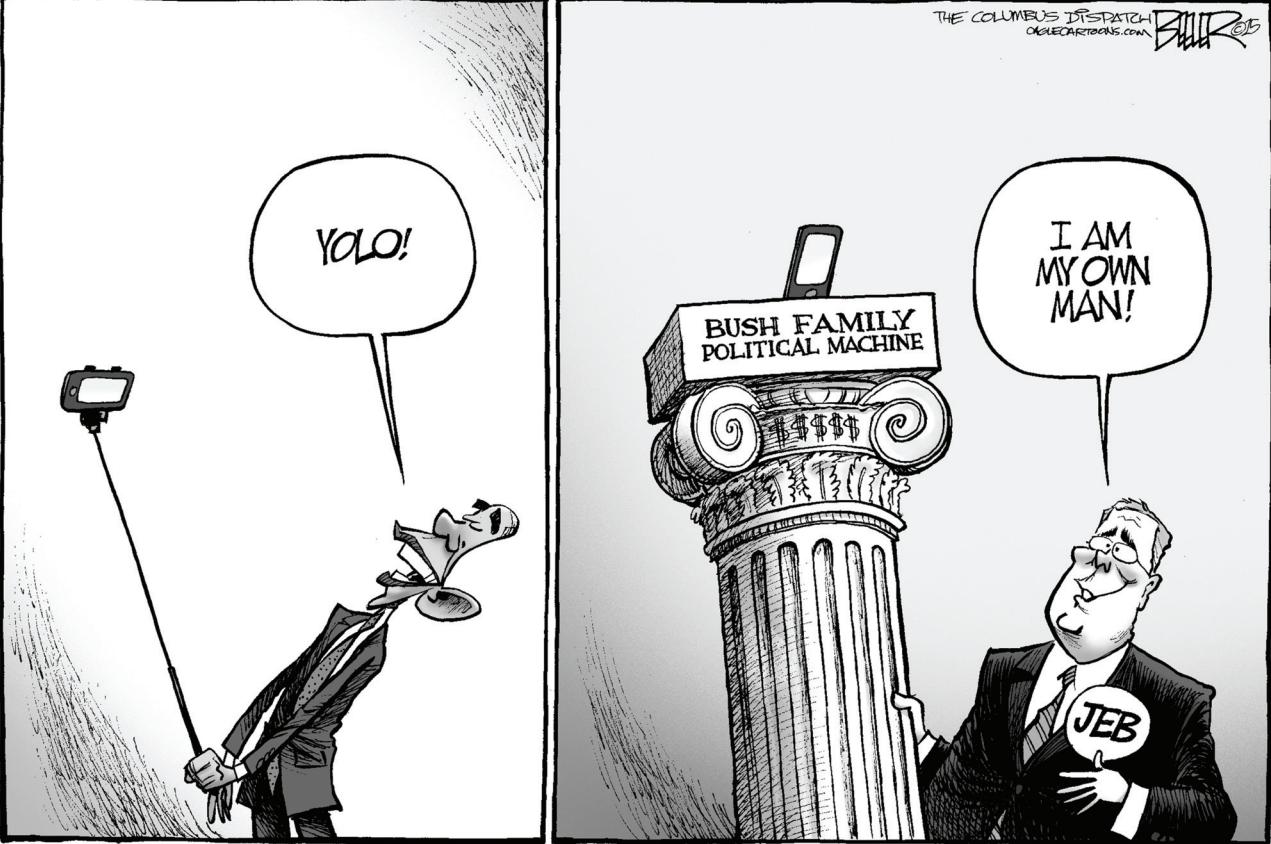
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Gate debate sparks student interest

ISSUE
The Greene Street gates are a hot topic recently.

OUR STANCE
While overblown, this discourse highlights how SG can reach students.

The Student Government discussion concerning whether or not to open the gates on Greene Street — colloquially known as the “Gate-gate debate” in our newsroom — is far less important than anyone on Yik Yak thinks it is. The relevant debate in student senate was over and done with before it blew up on social media. (After some debate recommended that they stay closed, but the ultimate decision rests with the city council. So, even if the senate resolved to open the gates, that resolution would only be marginally helpful in that initiative.) Nonetheless, this conversation shows that the student body can attach themselves to issues given

the right conditions. On both Twitter and Yik Yak in particular, the debate reached a number of USC students and alumni that is almost unprecedented in the history of recent SG initiatives.

The right conditions for this particular debate to explode was a close and hotly-contested student body vice presidential race, where one candidate, Brian Samples, wanted the gates open and the other, Lee Goble, wanted to keep them closed.

It is an understandable issue in a two-contestant race with each candidate on opposite sides. It allows for the unusual option of running on an contentious issue.

Samples in particular, whose proposal that the gates stay open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. did not get passed in senate, pushed the debate into the public spotlight because, he asserts, it is an example of SG not following the will of the students. (The “polls” he cites in favor of his argument are neither scientific nor representative. Those we have seen have been of the “upvote this if you agree that X should happen” variety, conducted on social media sites.)

His methodology might be wrong, but we have him to credit for pushing this issue to the forefront. We believe that these kinds of issues happen all the time in SG, and each simply needs a vocal advocate to put them in front of the students.

The problem, of course, is that not everything that happens in SG affects the whole campus directly. Also, unlike Samples, who is trying to drum up support for his campaign, the average senator doesn’t need the voice of the students at his side in order to get what he or she is pushing for. All they need to do is convince their fellow senators that theirs is the right plan.

But what we’re seeing here is direct political participation from the student body on a level we haven’t seen in a long time. And the more of those issues we can promote, the closer we’ll be to a dialogue between the student body and their SG representatives.

Reading incomplete without tactility



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Nowadays, everyone has gadgets and not just trusty laptops anymore. Smartphones and tablets are becoming the norm and all sorts of industries are adapting to them. That includes books.

I have always loved reading, and I vividly remember going to the public library when I was in seventh grade to check out a book because the hardback copy was too expensive for my middle school budget. My purse selection over the years has always been slightly limited because whatever bag I carried had to be big enough to carry a novel (or two).

The release of the first Amazon Kindle in 2007 marked a dramatic change for the future of the book industry. Readers were able to browse, purchase and

read books all on one small device. Apple’s release of the iPad in 2010 expanded the accessibility of e-books even further.

Ownership of e-readers and tablets has been steadily increasing over the past few years. In September of 2013, 34 percent of American adults owned tablets and 24 percent owned e-readers. Just a few short months later, in January of 2014, the numbers had risen to 42 percent and 32 percent respectively. In all likelihood, these rates will continue to grow.

Obviously, gadgets are popular. But should they ever fully replace paperback books?

On this question, I am fully and passionately of the opinion that no device could truly replace the experience of a paperback book.

That is not to say that e-readers and tablets don’t have their benefits. One of the main arguments in favor of devices is that they can store thousands of books and are much more portable. You can change the font size, and sometimes even the font style. The e-book industry has benefited publishers because there is no cost for printing or distribution, making them cheaper for consumers as well.

E-books certainly have their purpose and, to me, that purpose is not to replace all paperback books just because e-books are more convenient. E-books are similar to most things that pop up on a screen: fleeting, uncatchable and untouchable. They should be reserved for books that you are unlikely to return to, such as textbooks, assigned reading or magazines.

Sure, devices are convenient. But these days, we don’t read for convenience. We read to enjoy, to escape, to go on an adventure. We read to not

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To defeat Russia, target their economy

An expansionist Russia has been the subject of much political commentary since last year, with recent headlines showcasing faulty ceasefires and frenzied retreats.

With just a simple glance, one would think Vladimir Putin has won major victories against the West by challenging the legitimacy of NATO’s defense policy and crossing U.S. set “red lines” without reprimand. Such thoughts would not be irrational, and the fear of threat from Moscow is not off base.

However, there are currently great opportunities and the West should seize them to fill the cracks in its defensive wall and regain some of its lost footing against the Kremlin with effective long and short term policies.

When drafting policies, two things must always be considered: its success in both the immediate and long term. Logically and fiscally, it makes more sense to follow a single long-term strategy, even if it doesn’t achieve the desired results instantaneously, than to abandon one for many other, short-term ones, that work well initially but then fail to accomplish the initial task at hand.

Solely arming Ukraine with heavy weaponry but not educating it on how to use it effectively would be wasteful. If NATO is truly fearful of continued Russian aggression, it needs to abandon any further doctrine of appeasement and train its neighbor to hold the separatists at bay. “Give a man a fish or teach him how to fish?” — this plan does both.

The key to victory in the long term, though, is through sustained economic warfare.

Economic sanctions and the sudden drop in oil prices, oil being the core pillar of the Russian economy, have both dealt substantial blows to an already crumbling market system.

The West must advance its efforts to cut Russia’s GDP without placing the Europeans in an energy crisis, perhaps trading our surplus fracked oil, and expand its maritime presence in the Pacific to counter increased trade with a growing partner, China.

With the worsening state of the Russian economy, Putin faces an economic dilemma and must make the classic choice of how to spend his limited resources: between guns or butter.

Should he choose to continue to flex Russia’s military might, his people will not be supplied with the resources they need to maintain their standard of living and will demand change, forcing Putin to justify his Ukrainian campaign.

He will face domestic consequences should he ignore such a reaction — but should he answer them, he will be forced to cut back on his military expenditures.

Western states face many security threats across the globe, stretching from the Pacific to North Africa. In order for them to truly seize the current opportunity, and free their hands to handle these other security matters, NATO states should make inflicting further damage on the Russian economy and revision of the immediate security policy their priority, instead of ineffective summits and ceasefires.

The Russian bear can be defeated, the West just needs to plan for the future and strike its Achilles’ heel.

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Aries

The money’s available, if you go for it. It takes discipline. Clean, cook and imagine an inspiring future. Focus attention on home and family. Create beauty together. Grow community support networks. This is power.

Taurus

Keep focusing time and interest on a subject you love. Be persistent, even without agreement. You’re stacking up treasure for the future. Make peace with what is. You can get whatever you need. Important people speak well of you.

Gemini

Delegate a difficult job. Let go of what you have to get something better. Take time to meditate on it first. Organize household matters. Get advice from an elder auntie. New information helps solve a dilemma.

Leo

Think of more ways to grow your income. A creative path suits you nicely. Your partner provides needed resources. Work on design and brand management. Work for what you love despite obstacles and barriers. You’re attracting attention.

Virgo

Travel, study and exploration flow well today. Pursue a curiosity. Unravel a mystery. Romance enters the picture unbidden. Your best tutor is a good friend. Don’t spend on stuff you don’t need. Use what you’ve got.

Libra

Manage household funds to conserve resources. No gambling. Clean, sort and organize. File and give away things. Cooking at home saves money. Plan for the future. A trickle adds up over time with interest.

Sagittarius

Clean up a mess at work. Manage a breakdown without losing your cool. Reject a suggestion that’s too expensive. More funding is required. Hold a bake sale or crowd funding project. Find buried treasure by getting organized.

Capricorn

Provide well for your family, without losing your sense of humor. Get at least one big task completed. Play together. In adversity, pull together for strength. In thriving, build your teamwork and replenish reserves.

Aquarius

Pay extra for long-lasting quality on a home repair. Invest in something that saves you time. Devote energy and effort towards home beautification. It’s not about impressing anyone. It’s about supporting you, your family and work.

Cancer

Feminine discipline and strength supports you now. Completing old tasks pays best. Something doesn’t add up. Postpone household chores. Send for whatever you need. Tailor the plan to fit the budget. Make soup and comfort foods.

Scorpio

Collaborate on a passion project with someone interesting. Deepen your partnership. Invest in your career. Someone you respect is paying attention. This work brings unexpected rewards. Align your efforts to your heart.

Pisces

Your partner appreciates you handling the plans. Talk about what needs to get done and delegate tasks. Record your song. Accept a sweet deal. Provide meticulous craftsmanship.

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59 Precious stone
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Gamecocks hope for win



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The South Carolina Gamecocks lead the series history against the Davidson's Wildcats 46-21-1 since the first game in 1997.

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After taking all three games in its series against Northeastern this past weekend, the No. 5 South Carolina baseball team will continue its early season non-conference slate as it hosts Davidson at Carolina Stadium on Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Gamecocks (6-1) are currently riding a six-game winning streak thanks to their combination of good pitching and solid hitting.

“It was a good weekend for us, anytime you can sweep an opponent,” South Carolina head coach Chad Holbrook said. “We played pretty well ... We'll take it and we'll move on and get ready for a game against Davidson this week.”

Davidson (3-2) enters the midweek contest with South Carolina after going 2-1 this past weekend with a pair of wins over Michigan and a loss to Tennessee Tech.

After a less-than-stellar opening day start against College of Charleston, South Carolina junior pitcher Jack Wynkoop bounced back and pitched eight scoreless innings in the Gamecocks' 10-1 victory over the Huskies' in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Junior relief pitcher Vince Fiori also picked up the win in Saturday's second game along with freshman reliever Clarke Schmidt on Sunday.

Through seven games, the Gamecocks have a team ERA of 2.29, sixth in the SEC.

Holbrook was particularly pleased with the way Wynkoop performed.

“He gets in a groove, like he did today, you can look up and eight innings are in the books, and he's thrown 85 pitches and you don't have to use the bullpen and that can set you up for game two and game three,” Holbrook said. “He just had a real good outing.”

Throughout the series, the Gamecocks also had a large amount of run support to back up their pitchers.

South Carolina registered 22 runs over the course of the three-game series against Northeastern and are averaging 6.43 runs per game.

Led by senior outfielder Elliott Caldwell, five different Gamecocks are batting north of .300. Caldwell leads South Carolina with a .467 average, but not far behind him is freshman designated hitter Alex Destino.

Through 24 at-bats, Destino is hitting .458 and has shown his power at the plate as well with a team-high two home runs.

The Gamecocks haven't been defeated since losing to College of Charleston in the season-opener, and Destino feels that the team is starting to get into a groove.

“There's more confidence in the locker room, there's more confidence in the dugout and I think that's really starting to translate to the way we're playing,” Destino said.

The Gamecocks will carry that confidence into Tuesday's game against Davidson, a team that went 29-19 in 2014.

The Wildcats have struggled at the plate through the early part of 2015 and are hitting only .224 as a team compared to South Carolina's .306 mark.

However, Davidson's pitching has been solid and the Wildcats' collective ERA is 3.80.

With that said, Holbrook is very confident in his team's ability to drive in runs.

“We've got the makings of a good offensive team,” he said. “We're right at a 1:1 walk-strikeout ratio for the year through seven games. That's pretty good. If we're 1:1 over the course of the season, we're going to have a good offensive team.”

South Carolina faces Alabama



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Tyrone Johnson accumulated 13 points in the last meeting against the Roll Tide.

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With only four regular season games remaining, the South Carolina men's basketball team heads to Tuscaloosa to face the Crimson Tide, one of the three SEC teams that the Gamecocks have won against this season.

South Carolina (13-13, 4-10 SEC) defeated Alabama in a close game on Jan. 13, with the Gamecocks winning 68-66.

Since then, both teams have struggled through conference play. South Carolina is 3-8 since last facing Alabama and the Crimson Tide is 4-7.

South Carolina's latest loss came last Saturday as the visiting Texas A&M Aggies clawed past the Gamecocks for a 62-52 win.

Alabama is also coming off a loss, albeit a more heartbreaking one, losing at home to Georgia, a team that South Carolina is 2-0 against this season, 66-65.

Looking back at the last matchup between the two teams, South Carolina built up a 13-point second half lead, but had to hold on at the last second for the win as the Crimson Tide mounted a huge rally. Alabama senior guard Levi Randolph missed a three-pointer at the buzzer and the Gamecocks held on for the two-point victory.

The leading scorers for South Carolina in this last meeting were senior guard Tyrone Johnson and junior forward Michael Carrera with 13 and 12 points, respectively. For the Tide the leading scorers include junior guard Ricky Tarrant and senior guard Randolph with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

The players to watch for in the upcoming game include each teams' leading scorers.

Sophomore guard Sindarius Thornwell leads the Gamecocks with 11.5 points per game. Although he made three three-pointers in the loss to Texas A&M, Thornwell played only 20 minutes and sat out for most of the first half after picking up two early fouls just a little over two minutes into the game.

Sophomore guard Duane Notice is averaging 11.1 points per game for South Carolina, second on the team. Notice had a team-high five assists against Texas A&M while playing a career high 40 minutes. As for the Crimson Tide, the leading scorers include Tarrant and Randolph, who score 14.7 and 13.1 points per game.

Through 26 games, South Carolina is holding opponents to just 38 percent shooting. South Carolina head coach Frank Martin hopes for that type of tough defense in Tuesday night's game, but is also hopeful that the Gamecocks will shoot the ball better themselves.

“All we can do is continue to stay where we're at and not get wound up about style of play or opponent,” Martin said. We have to prepare ourselves for what we have to do to win the next game on the schedule and remain in a positive place.”

After facing the Crimson Tide, South Carolina returns to Colonial Life Arena to host Mississippi State on Saturday, Feb. 28.

FROM BASKETBALL 1

expected from two of the nation's best teams. Tennessee and South Carolina combined for 40 minutes of close, exciting and tension-filled basketball. With South Carolina leading by only three points at halftime, a solid second half was needed for the Gamecocks to extend their winning streak at Colonial Life Arena to 31 games and that's exactly what they got.

By crashing the boards to extend offensive possessions while locking down on defense, the Gamecocks were able to push past the eight-time national champions.

A pair of senior veterans helped the Gamecocks control the paint, which was where the game was decided. Whether it be with a critical basket or a big-time offensive rebound, senior power forward Aleighsa Welch and senior Elem Ibiam came up big for South Carolina.

Welch scored a team-high 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, nine of which came on the offensive end.

Ibiam did most of her work in the first half, but finished with 12 points, shooting 66.6 percent from the field while coming down with eight rebounds.

Both players were freshmen when South Carolina last beat the Lady Vols in Feb. of 2012.

As a team, the Gamecocks out-rebounded Tennessee 46-33, which was one of the key differences in the game according to Tennessee head coach Holly Warlick.

“We didn't have an answer for Welch on the boards,” Warlick said. “It just got magnified.”

Warlick continued to comment about the aggressiveness of the game, “You can't give up 21 rebounds and expect to win the game.”

Junior shooting guard Tiffany Mitchell also came alive during the second half for South Carolina and recorded 16 points.

Early on in the first half, South Carolina fed off the energy of its supporters and started off strong on offense, shooting 55 percent on its first 20 shot attempts. The Gamecocks led by as many as eight points in the first half. But as expected, Tennessee put up the type of fight one would expect from the Lady Vols. Once again without injured senior center Isabelle Harrison, its leading scorer, Tennessee turned to junior forward Bashaara Graves to lead a well-balanced offense. Graves scored 20 points and Burdick added 16 as well.

At halftime, South Carolina led 36-33 after and close, intense and clean first half. Each time South Carolina tried to extend its lead to double-digits, the Lady Vols would claw their way back. Both teams did a solid job protecting the ball and combined to commit only 11 turnovers by night's end.

Now ahead one game in the SEC standings, the Gamecocks need to win just one of its remaining two games against



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Guard Tiffany Mitchell finished with 16 points and 7 rebounds.

Mississippi State and Kentucky to clinch at least a share of the regular season conference championship.

For Welch, the experience of beating Tennessee at home during her senior season is one that she'll forever remember, especially because of the home atmosphere.

“Our fans were unbelievable,” Welch said. “I think we don't tell them enough as players how appreciated they are for us. I do believe that game could have gone either way if it wasn't for our fans.”